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The discussion session of the Indiana State Board of Education convened at 10:05 a.m. Board members Dr. Suellen Reed, Susan Brace, Robert Lazard, Randle Pollard, Robert Kovach, J. Gordon Pendleton, Daniel Tanoos, Sandra Kirts Cantrell, Dr. David Dickson, and Darvin Stilwell were present. Board member Connie J. Blackketter was not present.

Jeffery P. Zaring, State Board of Education Administrator, introduced Marie Theobald, Executive Director, Indiana Professional Standards Board.

Ms. Theobald discussed:

- Current status of teacher preparation, licensing, and induction programs.
- Plans for the programs.
- Qualifying mentors for the induction program.
- The role of academic standards.
- What is being done to help new teachers understand data analysis and similar topics related to school improvement.
- 2002 Indiana Professional Standards Board annual report.

Patty Bond, Director, Division of School Finance, provided a school finance update, including:

- School funding formula for 2004 and 2005.
- Other K - 12 school funding issues.
- Senate Bill 501 - charter school funding formula.

Mrs. Bond said budget workshops will soon be scheduled for schools throughout the state.

Kevin McDowell, General Counsel, discussed student transfers and transfer tuition. Mr. McDowell explained the statute, implementing rule, and the application form. Mr. McDowell also told the board about the legal section's Website: www.doe.state.in.us/legal/. This site includes important decisions of the Indiana State Board of Education among other legal topics.

The discussion session recessed as 12:30 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Terry Spradlin, Legislative Analyst, provided a legislative update. Mr. Spradlin mentioned the 2003 Department of Education's legislative policy priorities that included:

- Teacher conduct and student safety, HEA 1621.
- School corporation annual performance report, HEA 1120.
- Tax anticipation warrant flexibility, HEA 1219.
- Kindergarten enrollment date change.
- Charter school funding issues, SEA 501.
- Maintain Indiana's 180 - day instructional calendar (maintained).

Wesley Bruce, Assistant Superintendent, discussed ISTEP+. Mr. Bruce said we are gearing up for testing of English and mathematics for all grade levels next fall and that the spring ISTEP+ retest results went out to schools on schedule. Mr. Bruce informed board members the Department of Education approved a request from MSD Warren Township for early ISTEP+ testing due to their year round school schedule.

Mr. Bruce described the NCLB workshops that have been held throughout the state. Eight workshops have been completed and attendance has ranged from 80 to 200 individuals.

Mr. Bruce also discussed an ISTEP+ planning meeting recently held at the CTB McGraw/Hill offices in Monterey, California.

Mr. Zaring provided a school accountability update. The Department of Education has completed the unsafe school choice option policy and the May 1, 2003, consolidated state plan submission. Board members received a copy of each document and the latest accountability slide show.

Mr. Zaring said the next deadline submission date will be September 2003.

The discussion session adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

